

Remarks

Claims 1, 6-9 and 13 are canceled.

Claims 3, 4, 11, 14, 15, 20 and 21 are amended.

Claims 2-5, 10-12 and 14-21 are now pending and are under consideration.

Claims 3, 4, 11, 15, 20 and 21 are amended to depend on independent claim 2 instead of claim 1. Support is in the original claims.

Claim 14 is amended to correct grammar.

No new matter is added.

Election

Applicants are required to elect a species of stabilizer i).

Applicants hereby elect as component i) compounds of formula (I) according to claim 2. Non-elected subject matter is canceled.

A specific example is "PS-1" of Table 2 on page 36 and of claim 10 (vitamin E).

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-5, 11, 12 and 15-21 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Krockenberger, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,807,504.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krockenberger.

Krockenberger does not specifically disclose the present alkyldiethanolamine antistatic agents of present component ii). Please see col. 3, lines 8-19 therein.

From the disclosure of Krockenberger, those skilled in the art would not have been able to arrive at the present invention.

Further, the outstanding results of the present invention, as displayed in the working Examples on pages 35-48 of the disclosure, could not have been expected based on the disclosure of Krockenberger.

Further still, Krockenberger is silent as to "antistatic agents". The amines of formula IV of Krockenberger are not considered antistatic agents. The present invention provides for the optimal co-use of a polymer processing stabilizer and an antistatic agent (page 1, fourth paragraph of the disclosure).

In view of this, Applicants submit that the present claims are neither anticipated nor obvious over Krockenberger.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Information Disclosure Statement

The IDS filed May 20, 2005 did not comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Some of the foreign references have English equivalent documents. The English equivalents are listed on an attached PTO form 1449.

GB 1352347 is listed and submitted.

WO 01/62840 is equivalent to U.S. Pat. No. 6,787,591, which is listed.

DE 4405670 is equivalent to U.S. Pat. No. 5,807,504, of record.

DE 2165428 is equivalent to GB 1329541, of record.

EP 0867467 is equivalent to U.S. Pat. No. 5,922,794, which is listed.

The Examiner is kindly requested to indicate that each reference is considered by returning an initialed copy of the form.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Stevenson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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